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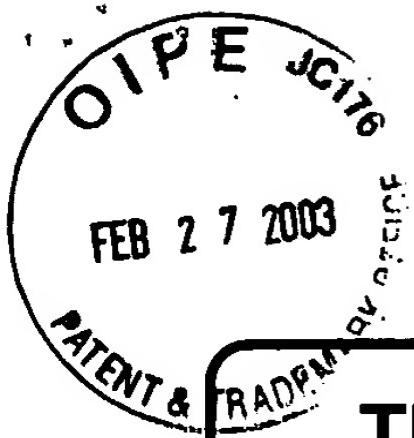
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 21, 2003, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter this amendment and to consider the remarks that follow.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:



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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)
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1001	750	2001	375 Utility filing fee
1002	330	2002	165 Design filing fee
1003	520	2003	260 Plant filing fee
1004	750	2004	375 Reissue filing fee
1005	160	2005	80 Provisional filing fee
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2053	130	2053 130 Non-English specification	
1812	2,520	1812 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804	920*	1804 920 * Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805	1,840*	1805 1,840 * Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251	110	2251 55 Extension for reply within first month	
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1404	320	2401 160 Notice of Appeal	
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1403	280	2403 140 Request for oral hearing	
1451	1,510	2451 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
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